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TAGS: EAIR, FR  
SUBJ: CIVAIR: PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

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1. DE SEDOUY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD MINECON  
LATE JUNE 20 THAT HE EXPECTED THE FRENCH REPLY TO OUR  
LATEST PROPOSAL (REFTEL A) WOULD BE DELIVERED IN  
WASHINGTON ON JUNE 21. WHILE RELUCTANT TO GIVE  
DETAILS IN ADVANCE, DE SEDOUY SAID THAT FRANCE WOULD  
REACT POSITIVELY TO THE "PRINCIPLES" EMBODIED IN THE  
U.S. PROPOSAL BUT THAT FURTHER TALKS BETWEEN LAWYERS  
WOULD BE NECESSARY. THESE SHOULD FOCUS FIRST ON THE  
CONTENT AND FRAMEWORK OF ARBITRATION AND ONLY  
THEREAFTER ON THE QUESTION OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS  
PENDING COMPLETION OF ARBITRATION.

2. WE ASKED WHY FRANCE COULD NOT SIMPLY ACCEPT THE  
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U.S. PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED AND FINALIZE THE COMPROMIS  
PROMPTLY. DE SEDOUY INSISTED THAT THE MATTER IS NOT  
SO SIMPLE. FOR ONE THING, THE FRENCH DO NOT BELIEVE  
THAT ARBITRATION COULD BE STARTED AND COMPLETED IN  
NINETY DAYS. THEY THINK THAT SIX MONTHS AT A MINIMUM  
IS MORE REALISTIC. GIVEN THIS VIEW, THEY WANT TO SEE  
WHAT THE ARBITRATION PACKAGE WOULD LOOK LIKE AND ONLY

THEREAFTER ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF INTERIM FLIGHT  
ARRANGEMENTS. DE SEDOUY CLAIMED THAT IT IS ONLY BY  
SUCH AN APPROACH THAT FRANCE CAN SATISFY ITSELF THAT,  
WHATEVER HAPPENS BETWEEN THE PRESENT TIME AND  
COMPLETION OF ARBITRATION, WILL NOT PREJUDICE ITS  
ULTIMATE INTERESTS. HARTMAN

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